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**INITIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF DEFECT INFORMATION
REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. 99V-047 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: **February 16, 1999**

Manufacturer: **Ducati North America, Inc.**

Manufacturer Contact: **Mr. Renato Aime, National Service Manager**

FAX: **(973) 839-2331**

SUBJECT: 560 Ducati 1996 M900 motorcycles. It is possible that the fuel line connecting the fuel filter and fuel cock can leak. Fuel leakage in the presence of an ignition source can result in a fire.

This is an initial acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be forthcoming shortly. After our review of your report and associated documents, we may have additional comments or concerns.

Please provide the beginning and ending manufacturing dates for these motorcycles.

We have reviewed the owner/dealer notification letters and they meet the requirements of Part 577.

As stated in Part 573.6, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, owner notification began February 17, 1999. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due in this office by April 30, 1999.

If you have any questions, please call:

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Patricia Wallace, Recall Analyst or Jonathan White, Chief
on (202) 366-5227 or by FAX (202) 366-7882
Recall Analysis Division



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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Renato Aime
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Dear Mr. Aime:

We have reviewed Ducati North America, Inc.'s (Ducati) Defect Information Report dated February 16, 1999, submitted in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." This recall involves 560 Ducati 1996 M900 motorcycles. It is possible that the fuel line connecting the fuel filter and fuel cock can leak. Fuel leakage in the presence of an ignition source can result in a fire. The assigned ID number for this recall campaign is 99V-047.

Ducati is responsible for the remedy of these motorcycles from this day forward, regardless of vehicle age, mileage, or ownership.

Additional Information Required

In order for us to complete our file on this matter, please furnish the following information:

1. Please provide a chronological summary of events which led to the discovery of the defect. The summary should include, but not be limited to, owner reports, field reports, crashes/injuries, lawsuits, warranty claim/part sales analyses, investigations or analyses, surveys, and meetings which occurred prior to the determination to conduct a safety recall.
2. Identify and describe how the recalled vehicle population was determined, including, but not limited to, how the inclusive dates of manufacture were established. Furnish the beginning and ending manufacturing dates for these motorcycles.

Please provide this information, referencing the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's identification codes of this letter to this office by **April 29, 1999.**

Quarterly Status Reports

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Recall Communications

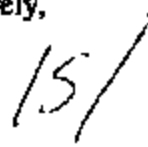
Communications pertaining to safety recalls and issued by Ducati to more than one distributor, dealer, purchaser, or owner are to be submitted to this office within 5 days of issuance as described under 49 CFR Part 573.5(c)(9). Where this information is sent over a period time, the communications are to be submitted within 5 days from the date the communications were first sent, and furnish the date, or range of dates, each communication was issued. This includes information transmitted by computer, telefax, or other electronic means; and initial or interim communications. All copies are to be in readable form and a written transcript should be provided for each non-written communication. Also, if the communication was not nationally and uniformly distributed, then identify the criteria used for the distribution.

Manufacturer Communications

Part 573.8, "Notices, Bulletins and Other Communications," requires that every motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment manufacturer shall furnish a copy of **all notices, bulletins, and other communications (including warranty and policy extension communiques and product improvement bulletins)** to manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or purchasers, regarding any defect in its vehicle or items of equipment (including any failure or malfunction beyond normal deterioration in use, any failure of performance, or any flaw or unintended deviation from design specifications), **whether or not such defect is safety related**. These notices or communications are to be submitted, regardless of the media used to transmit the information. Where communications are made orally or electronically, provide a transcript. In all other cases, provide the information in the media form used to transmit the information. On a case by case basis, we may require written transcripts of this material as well. Copies are to be submitted monthly, not more than 5 working days after the end of each month.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Mrs. Pat Wallace at (202) 366-5227 or by fax at (202) 366-7882.

Sincerely,



Jonathan D. White, Chief
Recall Analysis Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Safety Assurance